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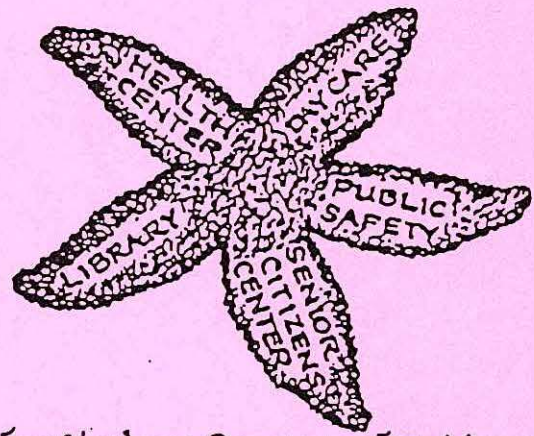
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

February 2010

Volume 30

Issue 2

Peaks Island School PTO Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Please join us at **The INN on Friday, February 5th from 5-8 pm** for a family style spaghetti dinner and our third annual PTO silent auction!! There are lots of great items to bid on – and what's more fun than sitting down with all the neighbors for a big bowl of pasta?

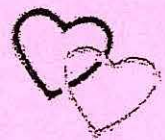
Pre-sale tickets are \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. Prices at the door are \$6 and \$12. So save some money and buy pre-sale tickets from Susan Hanley (766-2735) or Kim Dervis (766-5092). Admission price includes spaghetti dinner, garlic bread, salad and dessert!!

Featuring Live Music by Ronda Dale and Kevin Attra.

Can't come to the fundraiser but still want to support our school? Checks made out to **Peaks Island School PTO** can be mailed to: Susan Hanley, 108 Brackett Avenue, Peaks Island, 04108 or dropped off at the school. Thank you!!



Mostly Annual Valentine Poetry Reading



Do you like poetry, write poetry, like to listen to others read or sing poetry? Join us for an adult evening of poetry, prose, song, all with the theme of **LOVE** on Thursday, February 11, at 7 PM in the Community Room. Romantics and skeptics alike, bring your words or those of your favorite writer. Rich and decadent **DESSERTS** are also welcome! If you do not want to read, come and enjoy. The library is pleased to sponsor this event.

Suzanne Parrot will be coordinating the program and would appreciate offers of help for decorating the room and arranging the food. Please phone her for information and to offer your assistance, 766-2344.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

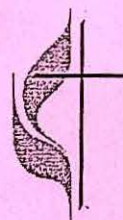
We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation

3 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine, email: brackettmumc@yahoo.com

The Rev. Desi Larson, Pastor; Laura Glendening, Administrative Assistant

Phone: 207-766-5013 On the Internet: www.brackettmumc.org

Sunday Worship - 10 a.m., with Sunday School and Childcare



Activities in February

P.E.A.C.E., Peace, Ethics, Action, Community, Excellence - our youth group meets Sundays during the Sunday School hour. For info please contact Antonia Winter, 766-2428.

Children's Choir, Mondays 2:45-3:15. Contact Mavourneen Thompson for info 899-0108.

Thrift Shop, Wednesday, February 3, 2-5 p.m. Vestry. Stop by to shop for, or drop off, gently used clothes and household goods. For info call the church office 766-5013.

Thursday Morning Study, "Christian Pilgrimage", 10 a.m. at the Parsonage.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursdays 9:30 a.m. at the Parsonage, 9 Church Ave. All are welcome! For more info contact Ann 766-2636 or Rebecca 766-3017.

Thursday Eve Taizé Worship, 7 p.m., February 25. Join us for quiet, low-key worship with candlelight, silence, prayers, gentle music, and ecumenical readings.

Special Events

Open Mic Nite, Friday, February 15, 7:30 p.m. Bring your stories, your music, your poetry, maybe a dessert to share and enjoy a fun-filled evening! For more info contact Sam Saltonstall, 899-0922.

Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes, February 17, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Church Supper, Thursday, February 25, 5-7 p.m. Featuring: Casseroles, Homemade Bread, Salads and Desserts. All are welcome! Join us on the last Thursday of the month, enjoy food, community, and good company.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Pastor: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

St. Christopher's is part of Cluster 21 serving the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes. Our Parochial Vicars are Father Alfred Irving, Father Kevin Martin and Father Michael Seavey. More information is available at www.cluster21portland.org.

Sunday Mass is at 10 AM followed by lunch and fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited!

Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.

AA: Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

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Senior News

Peaks Island seniors will be meeting on Monday February 8th at the community room of the senior housing on Central Avenue for their pot luck luncheon. Lunch will be served at noon. All seniors are welcome.



February at the Peaks Island Branch Library
in the Community Building 766-5540 email peaks@portland.lib.me.us
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

New Magazines for 2010: After seeking feedback from island readers, the Peaks Island Branch Library has subscribed to a number of different magazines for the coming year, including *Dwell Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Real Simple*, *SmartMoney*, and *Time*. We hope you'll come in and check them out.



Valentine Programs for Young and Older

Tuesday, February 9, Mrs. Crowley-Rockwell will present **Hearts a Plenty**, a program of stories and a craft for 5-8 year olds. It will begin promptly at 6:30 so children can be home for a reasonable bed time.



On Thursday, February 11, Suzanne Parrot will moderate the **Sometimes Annual Valentine Poetry Reading**. Romantics and skeptics alike, bring your words or those of your favorite writer. Luscious desserts are welcome. For info or to offer help, call Suzanne (2344) or the library.

Nursery-Rhyme Time is on Wednesdays at 11 for children 0-3 years old. **Pre-School Story Time** is on Fridays at 10:15.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion will meet on February 2, when the Fourth and Fifth Graders at Peaks Island School will join the discussion of *After Gandhi: One Hundred Years of Non-Violent Resistance* by Peaks Islanders Annie and Perry O'Brien. Annie will be present for the discussion. All ages are welcome. Upcoming books for discussion are *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin on March 2 and *Sea of Poppies* by Amitav Ghosh on April 6. Meetings begin at 7pm in the Community Room.

Thank You to the Friends and especially to Patricia Erikson for coordinating the program on blogging last month. Workshop participants created a community blog:

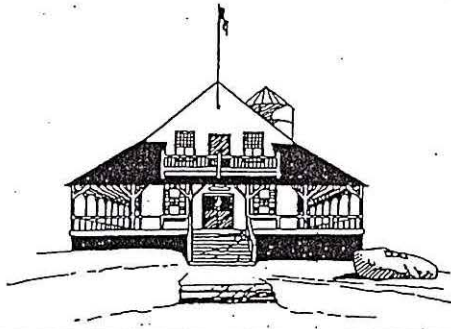
<http://community.livejournal.com/peaksisland/> Be sure to have a look and participate if you like.

Some Recent New Books

Fiction: Steve **Berry**, *The Paris Vendetta*; Orson Scott **Card**, *Hidden Empire*; Tracy **Chevalier**, *Remarkable Creatures*; Michael **Crichton**, *Pirate Latitudes*; Robert **Crais**, *The First Rule*; Jude **Deveraux**, *Days of Gold*; Gail **Godwin**, *Unfinished Desires*; Sue **Grafton**, *U Is for Undertow*; Sarah **Graves**, *Crawlspace*; Barbara **Delinsky**, *Not My Daughter*; Tami **Hoag**, *Deeper Than the Dead*; Stuart **Kaminsky**, *A Whisper to the Living*; Elizabeth **Kostova**, *The Swan Thieves*; Emma **McLaughlin**, *Nanny Returns*; T. Jefferson **Parker**, *Iron River*; Charles **Todd**, *The Red Door*; Anne **Tyler**, *Noah's Compass*.

Nonfiction: Madeleine **Albright**, *Read My Pins*; **American Heart Association** *Complete Guide to Women's Heart Health*; Gail **Collins**, *When Everything Changed*; Atul **Gawande**, *The Checklist Manifesto*; **The Mayo Clinic Diet**; Elizabeth **Gilbert**, *Committed*; Judith **Martin**, *Miss Manners Guide to a Surprisingly Dignified Wedding*; Greg **Mortenson**, *Stones Into Schools*; Sarah **Palin**, *Going Rogue*; Julie **Powell**, *Cleaving*.

Tax Forms: The State of Maine is no longer making tax forms available to libraries, but there is a "forms line" telephone number (207-624-7894) you can call. The library has some copies of the three basic federal tax forms and instructions. We are happy to help anyone find state or federal forms online.



FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM
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Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

Are you ready for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War? The statewide commemoration of the start of the Civil War in April 1861 begins in the spring of 2011. As part of our preparations for this important event the Fifth Maine and Maine Archives and Museums will be co-sponsoring a workshop titled *Teaching and Interpreting the Civil War* on May 22. Staff from the Fifth Maine, Maine Historical Society, and Pejepscot Historical Society in Brunswick will present on topics ranging from “Remembering the Civil War in a Throwaway Society” to “Restoration as a Tool for Education.” While the workshop is aimed at teachers and museum educators and volunteers, anyone interested in learning more about the Civil War is invited to participate. The fee is \$15 per person. For more information or to register, please contact Patricia Erikson at perikson@usm.maine.edu.

What's Happening in Our Community?

To find out about upcoming community events on Peaks Island, please visit www.PeaksIsland.info. There you'll find an online Peaks Island community calendar, as well as information about various island meeting places, links to the websites of many Peaks Island organizations and a listing of Peaks Island businesses.

We'd like to add your event!

If your organization has a community event it would like listed, just fill out and submit the entry form on the website. Please note that events listed on the calendar are limited to Peaks Island community events, including those sponsored by on-island groups, benefit events, and general non-commercial meeting notices.

Free Museum Pass

The Peaks Island Branch Library has a free pass available to the Portland Museum of Art that can be “checked out” at the library. The pass is good for a specific day and may be reserved ahead of time. It will admit 2 adults and up to 6 children. Questions? Come into the library or phone us, 5540.

Peaks Island Health Center

www.peakshealth.org 87 Central Avenue PO Box 52 207-766-2929
www.intermed.com

InterMed Office Hours

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am to 4:00pm, Kitty Gilbert, FNP (Adults and children)
Fridays, 9:30am to 2:30pm, Lois Tiedeken, ANP (Adults only)

The Health Center is happy to accept new patients. We also offer blood work and acute care for patients with other primary care providers. Please call the office at **766-2929** for appointments and further information.

When the Health Center is closed, please call **911** for medical emergencies. For non-acute illnesses, call your primary care provider.

Star of the Sea Studios

Dance Classes for this New Season 2010 will start on Wed Feb 3rd at the Riverton School on 1600 Forest Ave, Portland. Peaks Island will be Sunday Feb 7th. Please call for Studio times. Our Theme for our Spring Show is one of our favorite shows, "Those Fabulous Years." This is a show full of those wonderful tunes of Jazz, Tap, Rock & Roll with some Ballet. Starting with the Roaring 20's – through the 90's and Little Irish Step Dancing. Who could forget the Fonsie & Happy Days or Grease Lighting! Please call for Times – 766-2727 for Peaks and 874-8455 for Riverton.

We hope to Entertain at the Nursing Homes in Early Spring. All proceeds from both Studios go to the children's Cancer Programs and St. Jude Children's Hospital and Local Programs. We appreciate your support.

Musically Yours,
Doreen & Co.

PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

PEAT meets on the first Monday of every month and, oddly enough, this year that falls on both February first and March first. So we'll alert you right now to the March first meeting as well, and invite everyone to join us both evenings at 25 Crescent Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

These gatherings are an opportunity to discuss environmental issues new and old, big or small, so feel free to jump in. We'll post a tentative agenda on our website each month as well as summaries of previous meetings. Check us out at greenerpeaks.org.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP, 71 Herman Avenue, 766-2854

PRE-SCHOOL: Winter is here!! We love the snow and are always looking for an excuse to build a snow family....Check us out on Facebook for pix and videos!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

Offering some new programs every month for fun-filled afternoons during the school year and summer. Extended care available!!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:

Drop-In Care: Enroll your school-ager and pay hourly only on the days that you need care, including snow days, on a space-available basis. COST: \$25.00 Annual Club Registration Fee. \$10.00/hour on days used. Discounts given for Vacation and Summer Camps.

AFTERNOON EXPLORERS:

Afternoon Specialty Theme Weeks: Five days of after school fun with field trips, cooking, projects, guest speakers and more! Coming Soon: March and June Specialty Weeks. COST: Varies per week. Stay tuned!!!

Afternoon Explorer Series: Thu afternoons from 2:30pm-4:30 pm for 4 wks.

ISLAND ROVERS:

Vacation Camp: Feb Vacation: BLIZZARD CAMP. *REGISTRATION BEGINS SOON!!*

Apr Vacation: ISLAND ENVIRONMENT: Tues-Fri 9am-4pm. COST: \$225.00 per week

FOOD PANTRY:

Call PICW @ 766-2854 or one of the Peaks Island Clergy for delivery options.

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Saturday, Feb 6: Pamper yourself @ Antonia Winter's Home for **The 3rd Annual Women's Clothing Swap & Therapeutic Services: 1:00pm- 4:00pm:** Bring 3-5 gently used articles of clothing and take home something fabulous from a fellow islander's closet. Spa services will be available. 21 and over only. Call PICW for more info.

Saturday, Feb 13: Valentine Arts & Crafts@ PICW: Drop in from 12:30pm – 2:30pm to make that special someone a Valentine! Materials provided. See you there!

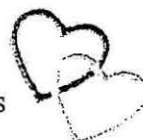
Wednesday, Feb 24: Kitty Gilbert, Nurse Practitioner will answer Questions regarding Children and Family Health. Call PICW to register for childcare during the session.



News From Peaks Island Elementary School

The school Visioning night, on January 21, was an exciting event. Thanks to all the people of the community who gave their time to help shape the template for the future of the school. We were lucky to be joined by Sue Steele, Jill Blackwood, and Dr. Morse of the Portland Public Schools as well as by Jenna Vendil of the School Committee. We look forward to a continued partnership between the Peaks Island community and PPS in order to ensure a high-quality education for the children of the island. To that end, a task force is being formed with volunteers from the community to work on implementation of the ideas presented. There are still some slots available, so if you would like to serve on that task force, please email the principal, Mr. Devaney, at devant@portlandschools.org or call the school at 766-2528.

Also, the annual Senior Valentine Lunch is rapidly approaching on February 10. Seniors are invited to come that day at 11:45 for a lunch extravaganza. Please RSVP the school (766-2528) to let us know to expect you. We look forward to the event.



Peaks Island Council Notes

The following are the times and places for upcoming meetings and workshops:

February 10, 2010 Workshop – 6:30 PM @ Community Center
February 20, 2010 Public Dialogue- 10:00 AM @ Community Center
February 24, 2010 Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM @ Community Center

The Island Council's website is: <http://www.peaksislandcouncil.info/> For those without computer access, the same information is available in the Library.

An election to fill the Island Council seat vacated by Betty Heller will be held on June 6, 2010. The Island Council appointed Judy Piawlock to fill this seat until the June 6th election. Nomination papers will be available in the City Clerk's Office on February 18th. They are due back in the City Clerk's Office no earlier than March 15th and no later than March 29th. This election will fill the seat for the remainder of the three year term.

Community meetings will be held on Island Safety Services (Police, Fire & Emergency Medical) on Saturday, February 6th at 9am and on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30pm. Both meetings are at the Doug MacVane Community Center. These meetings will provide islanders the opportunity to provide input on our public safety services.

CERT Training and Preparation Continue

All are welcomed to our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) monthly meeting at 6 PM Monday, February 15th with training by members of the Portland Fire Department in the Community Center.

Islanders who would like more information about CERT should contact Al Bleau at 766-0007 or other team members.

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STAR NOTES

THANK YOU to the Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association (TEIA) and to the Lions Club for generous donations to the STAR. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Thursday, February 25, by 6 pm. Bring articles, copy ready, to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door if you come when the library is closed.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and equipment in the Community Building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. Please email Denise at d1m@portlandmaine.gov (preferred method) or leave a message at 766-2970. Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you do not receive a return call, please leave another message.



SPECIAL ISLAND FUN for PRESCHOOLERS*

* Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FIRST MONDAY FUN: PRESCHOOLERS/ADULTS

Monday, February 1 11 am – 12 noon – com. room
Have fun being creative with your little ones as we celebrate Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day

Monday, March 1 11 am – 12 noon – com. room
Move to all kinds of music, including kids, Irish and Greek

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK – FUN FOR ALL! These activities are FREE – all held in the com. rm.

AFTERNOON MOVIE on PEAKS ISLAND: "UP"

Thursday, February 18 1:00 pm – Rated PG (96 min)
After a lifetime of dreaming of traveling the world, 78-year-old homebody Carl ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away on an unbelievable adventure, with Russell, an 8-year-old boy, unexpectedly in tow.

CRAFT IDEAS AND FILL A BAG FOR HOME

Friday, February 19 – Drop in between 10 am – 2 pm
Take time to make a quick craft (with or without a child), then fill a bag of recyclables to create "treasures" at home.

ISLAND HAPPENINGS FOR ADULTS

These programs are open to ALL adults. For more information, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970. Pre-registration not required but appreciated.

"OPEN HOUSE" – THINGS WE LOVED AS A CHILD

Friday, February 12 Drop in between 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Reminisce about the "good old days". Bring something nostalgic to share; play old-fashion games, see greeting cards from another era, and listen to (& sing) favorite tunes.

TRAVELOGUE: ATLANTIC MARITIMES

Monday, February 22 1:00 pm in community room
Explore the natural beauty of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Denise will give us a tour of the Bay of Fundy, Hopewell Rocks, Campobello Island and more! Don't forget your Portland Recreation "passports".

CABIN FEVER BINGO

Thursday, February 25 10:45 – 11:45 am/com. room
Time to get out of the house for some laughs, socializing and fun prizes. Bring your lunch if you would like to eat with Denise at noon.

"OPEN HOUSE" – PROCRASTINATION WEEK

Friday, March 5 Drop in between 11:00am–2:00 pm
Don't wait until the last minute to celebrate this week! Bring letters to write, photos to label, magazines to read, etc.

ON-GOING EXERCISE PROGRAMS - ADULTS

FMI: please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970

MONDAYS and THURSDAYS:

Walk Program – 8:15 am (meet at com. bldg.)

Indoor stretching when weather doesn't cooperate

Low-Impact Aerobics/Weights – 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm)

TUESDAYS:

Table Tennis Tuesdays – 2:00 to 4:00 pm (com. room)

Adult Basketball – 6:00 to 7:30 pm (school gym)

Please note: Adult Basketball will meet on Feb. 23 only

REMINDER TO THE 55 + AGE GROUP:

If you would like to receive Portland Recreation's monthly calendar of events for "off-island" trips, please call Katy or Norma at 874-8870 and leave your name, address and phone number. The March calendar will be sent by mid-February.



Saturday Night Movies in February



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Feb	6 PM	Feb	8 PM
6	<i>Beetlejuice</i> (1988) PG, 92 min	6	<i>Cool Running</i> (1993) PG, 93 min
13	<i>Absent-Minded Professor</i> (1960) G, 96 min	13	<i>Fellini's Roma</i> (1972/2001) R, 119 min
20	<i>Fly Away Home</i> (1996) PG, 107 min	20	<i>Illustrated Man</i> (1969) PG, 103 min
27	Show of Local Animation! Original work by island kids and teens. Followed by <i>Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs</i> (2009) PG, 90 min	27	<i>Julie and Julia</i> (2009) PG-13, 123 min